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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Quotas for the Armed Forces Schools

REFERENCE: DCI's Handwritten Note to the DDCI on
Letter from General Antonelli

1. Action Requested: This memorandum requests your support in securing the Director's concurrence concerning the quotas for CIA attendance at senior armed forces schools.

2. Background: On 5 August 1976 you gave approval for the Director of Training to negotiate with the three senior service schools for increasing FY 1977 student quotas. As a result of the negotiations, the Army and Naval War Colleges increased CIA's quota by one slot each, but the Air War College was not able to increase our student quota at that time. With the revised quotas, the Training Selection Board subsequently nominated students for courses which will commence in September 1977 as follows:

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Except for the Air War College and ICAF, the schools have been advised of the Agency's nominations.

3. The Director's note to you on the attached letter to him from the Commandant of ICAF indicates he would prefer one CIA attendee in the National War College and in each of the three service schools and no attendance in the ICAF class.

4. Staff Position: In response to his comment, the Training Selection Board met on 14 April 1977 to reconsider the Agency's requirements. The Board believes the following reasons support continuation of the current program:

a. DDO personnel under cover are extremely limited in opportunities to attend other senior government schools.

b. The relevance of the subject matter covered by the armed forces colleges to the intelligence work of DDI and DDS&T analysts is high. Not only does it strengthen their ability to analyze military information, but their participation gives credibility to the product as many analysts do not have a military background. There is almost no other way for them to acquire this training and military background which often has such a direct bearing on the Agency's intelligence product.

c. DDA personnel acquire a better understanding of the U.S. military services that is often so important in their work in such fields as communications, logistics, and administration.

d. Attendance in the Industrial College of the Armed Forces is a particularly important program. The technical and economic training at ICAF is especially appropriate for personnel from the Offices of Logistics, Finance, Economic Research, Strategic Research, and the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

